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FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SCENARIO FOR WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT RAJGHAT

REF: SECTO 115, PARA 2

1. AS REQUESTED, A DESCRIPTION OF THE WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
FOLLOWS. NO REMARKS WILL BE REQUIRED.

2. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WILL CALL FOR THE SECRETARY AND MRS.
KISSINGER AT 0900 OCTOBER 28 TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO RAJGHAT,
THE MEMORIAL TO GANDHI ON THE SITE WHERE HE WAS CREMATED ON THE
BANKS OF THE RIVER JAMUNA. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MOYNIHAN WILL
ACCOMPANY.

3. THE SECRETARY OF THE SAMADHI (MEMORIAL) COMMITTEE, MR. ACHARYA,
WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE THEM AND GUIDE THEM TO THE BLACK GRANITE
PLATFORM WHICH IS THE MEMORIAL. IT IS SURROUNDED BY LOW, WHITE
MARBLE WALLS. THERE WILL BE A PAUSE EN ROUTE TO REMOVE SHOES
OR HAVE THEM COVERED BY CLOTH SLIPPERS. THE US DEFENSE ATTACHE
AND THE US NAVAL ATTACHE, WHO WILL BE AT RAJGHAT WHEN THE PARTY
ARRIVES, WILL PRECEDE THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER WITH THE
WREATH AND PLACE IT ON THE BACK PLATFORM. THE SECRETARY AND
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MRS. KISSINGER WILL ADJUST IT, POSE FOR PHOTOS AND THEN STEP

BACK FOR 1/2 MINUTE OF SILENCE.

4. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND THE SECRETARY OF THE SAMADHI COMMITTEE WILL WALK AROUND THE PLATFORM WITH THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER, POINT OUT THE INSCRIPTIONS, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE SAMADHI COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT A SET OF BOOKS UPON DEPARTURE. THE ENTIRE CEREMONY TAKES ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

5. THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER WILL RETURN TO RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN, WHERE THE SECRETARY WILL REMAIN FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE NEARBY MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER INDIAN OFFICIALS.
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